

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday November 24th 2002

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network have announced Saturday December the 21st as the date for their annual Christmas Dinner. The venue is The Clew Bay Hotel, Westport.

The club regularly meets in a private room at Stensons of Ballyvary on the N5 and the meetings take place on the first Wednesday of the month.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

A well-attended Annual General Meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group took place at Raheen House Hotel Clonmel on November the 7th last, an open and frank discussion on all topics of radio was held.

The following Committee was elected at the AGM. Chairman is John Burke EI2JB, Vice Chairman is Ronald McGrath EI6GO, Secretary is Noel Walsh EI2JC, Treasurer is Thomas Hallinan EI2IT, and Public Relations Officer is Paul Norris EI3ENB.

The Group wishes to extend best wishes and congratulations to popular members Tommy and Marie who tied the Knot recently, The Annual Christmas Dinner get together will be held this year in Raheen House Hotel on Saturday December the 21st and anyone wishing to attend can get further information from Ron at 052 21654. The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will be on Wednesday December the 4th.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The next meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Wednesday the 27th of November in the Roanmore, Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. The main item for discussion at this meeting will be the organisation of the clubs Christmas night out. New members and visitors are welcome.

For more information about the club visit www.angelfire.com/tx3/searg or e-mail

searg@angelfire.com.

Proposed Amateur Band

The RSGB are proposing a new amateur band between 495 and 505 kHz, this is at the lower end of the AM broadcast band. It was noted that monitoring of the International distress and calling frequency, 500 kHz ceased in many parts of the world at the end of 1997. The allocation of spectrum around this frequency would allow amateurs to experiment with sky wave propagation that ceased during the 1920's when the frequency was allocated to Maritime communications which used ground wave propagation.

Digital Radio Mondiale

Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) is a project aimed at revitalising the short-wave, medium-wave and long-wave broadcast bands. This is achieved by using digital signals to provide to provide listening quality close to that of FM broadcast. Radio amateurs and shortwave listeners can become part of the DRM Software Radio Project. They may also be among the first to access the initial DRM programs when test transmissions begin in the near future.

The project works by adding an extra down-converter board to existing receivers and using the DRM software to decode the signal via a PC soundcard. Radio amateurs and shortwave listners wishing to get involved in the project should visit www.drmtx.org

Contest & DX news

The 50 MHz UK Activity Contest will take place between 2000 and 2230 hrs UTC on Tuesday the 26th of November.

6F1LM will be QRV until December the 31st from Mexico for the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the FMRE (Federacion Mexicana de Radio Experimentadores).

DL2GAN is active as FM/DL2GAN on 10, 15 and 20 metres, CW and SSB from Martinique until November the 28th.

To celebrate the first year of the Foundation Licence in the UK it is proposed to hold a 'QSO Party' to which all M3s are invited. The event will take place on the 1st of

January on 40 metres at 1000 UTC and 1500 UTC.

Items for inclusion in Echo Ireland should be forwarded to Dave Moore EI4BZ at 021-4883555. Items can also be submitted to Dave by e-mail at ei4bz@eircom.net.

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